COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES JANUARY 12, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bobby Wartgow
Kelly Dawson
Richard Rand
Mike Heidemann
Dave MacIntyre
Brian Fladhammer
Fergus Laughridge
Stephanie Beck

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Williams Richard Schwall

STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Connie McFadden, Administrative Asst. III, EMS Bobbie Sullivan, EMS Rep. II, EMS

OTHERS PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 20, 2004 AND OCTOBER 19, 2005, MEETINGS

Bobby Wartgow called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Richard Rand moved to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2004, meeting.

SECONDED: Kelly Dawson PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

Richard Rand moved to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2005, meeting.

SECONDED: Bobby Wartgow PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

HEALTH DIVISION REPORT

Dr. Lee was not in attendance so this item will be carried over to the next meeting.

EMS REPORT

Fergus Laughridge provided the committee with an update on the State EMS Office. He informed the committee that Bobbie Sullivan has been hired to fill the EMS Representative position in Elko. Bobbie has worked in emergency medical services for many years. Her last position was with Nye County Emergency Management. She knows the providers in the state and is familiar with the needs of EMS in rural Nevada. Mr. Laughridge advised the committee that the State EMS Office has received a sub-grant for the Office of Domestic Preparedness.

This grant was used to purchase and out fit two command vehicles and two MCI trailers. The trailers are expected to arrive in early February. Once the State EMS Office staff have been trained on the trailers there will be training for providers throughout the state. Mr. Laughridge stated that the state is moving to a standardized triage system. He hopes to conduct trainings in this system in conjunction with the EMS Conference in May. He advised that the State EMS Office has begun working closely with the Health Division's Public Health Preparedness Program. One of the projects currently underway is the development of a registry of volunteers throughout the state that could be called upon to assist in the event of a public health emergency. Mr. Laughridge advised the committee that adjustments are being made to the McClelland Peak radio repeater to accommodate the new Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center facility. He also advised the committee that the State EMS Office has apply for an EMS for Children grant. Awards will be announced in March. If awarded, the State EMS Office's goal is to use the grant funding to work on the inclusion of children in a state disaster plan.

REPORT ON PROGRESS WITH NATIONAL REGISTRY TESTING

Mr. Laughridge reported that the transition to National Registry testing gone smoothly. Basic testing started in May 2005. The pass rate is between 60% and 80%. The intermediate testing started in December 2005. Advanced testing will begin in May 2006.

UPDATE ON EMS WEBPAGE

Mr. Laughridge advised the committee that updates have been made on the EMS Webpage. Current licensure and certification forms are available on the web page. Mr. Laughridge stated that the State EMS Office sent out an email to EMS service coordinators in early November asking for input on the content of the webpage. Only one response was received. Staff is working on posting an updated list of permitted services and would like to include links to the service's webpage if they have one. Mr. Laughridge asked that members provide the State EMS Office with webpage addresses and links to related pages for inclusion in the webpage.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Bobby Wartgow introduced member candidates Brian Fladhammer, Dave MacIntyre and Mike Williams. He called for a motion to accept these three to fill committee vacancies.

Mike Heidemann moved to accept Brian Fladhammer, Dave MacIntyre and Mike Williams to fill committee vacancies.

SECONDED: Richard Rand PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

SETTING GOALS FOR THE COMMITTEE AND SETTING GOALS FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEES

Bobby Wartgow advised members that the sub-committees need to start having meetings and setting and accomplishing goals. Sub-committees currently in place are: Education Sub-Committee, Clinical Care Sub-Committee and Data and Communications Sub-Committee. He state that the committee needs to decide if these sub-committees should remain or if new ones needed to be organized. After discussion, it was decided that the current sub-committees would remain. Mike Heidimann will chair the Education Sub-Committee, Bobby Wartgow will chair the Clinical Care Sub-Committee and Richard Rand will chair the Data and Communications Sub-Committee. Mr. Wartgow requested that sub-committee chairs meet in the next couple of

months and be prepared to make a report and the next committee meeting. He reminded all subcommittee chairs that sub-committee meetings will need to be held in compliance with the open meeting law.

REPORT ON TRAUMA TASK FORCE MEETING

Bobby Wartgow reported on the Trauma Task Force meeting

NEXT MEETING – AGENDA
The Committee on Emergency Medical Services will meet on April 11, 2006 at 10:00 am in the Carson City Offices of the Bureau of Licensure and Certification.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:40 A.M.